

CHICKENPOX VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS: A guide for Parents

Based on requirements from the State of New Hampshire, all children enrolled in child care, entering kindergarten, first grade (where K is not provided) and sixth grade must provide documentation of varicella (chickenpox) immunity.

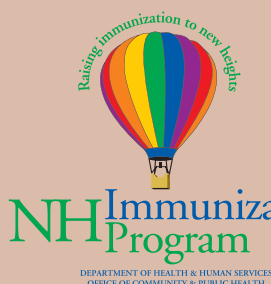
CHICKENPOX vaccination is required by the State of New Hampshire for all children who are enrolled in child care, enter kindergarten, first grade (if K is not provided) or sixth grade, effective as of the 2003–2004 school year.

- **This applies** to every child enrolling in any public or non-public school.
- **Documentation of immunization against varicella** shall include the month, day and year the shot was given. Children less than 13 years of age shall provide documentation of having received one dose of the vaccine on or after 12 months of age. Children who are vaccinated on or after 13 years of age will need two doses of vaccine separated by at least one month.
- **Documentation of varicella immunity** by blood test, or health care provider or parent/guardian report of disease is acceptable in place of immunization.
- **Exemption** will be granted to a child whose parent or legal guardian signs a notarized form stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.
- **Exemption** from this requirement may also be based on medical reasons documented by the child's health care provider.
- **Varicella vaccine** is used for vaccination against chickenpox in children 12 months of age or older.
- **Side effects of this vaccine include:** fever, soreness and redness at injection site, chickenpox-like rash (injection site) and chickenpox-like rash on body.
- **As with all vaccines**, chickenpox vaccination may not result in 100% protection in all susceptible individuals. However, vaccination will significantly reduce the degree of illness for the small percentage of those vaccinated who do get chickenpox.



THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS SHEET IS A SUMMARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHICKENPOX VACCINATION ONLY.

There are additional vaccination requirements in New Hampshire. For complete information about vaccination requirements and exemptions, please consult the New Hampshire Immunization Program.



NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Public Health Services

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If you have questions or concerns about immunizations or vaccines,

contact your health care provider or call the public health nurses at the Immunization Program, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday at:

603-271-4482

toll free **800-852-3345 x4482**



THERE ARE NEW STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHICKENPOX VACCINATION

in New Hampshire

which became effective

January 1, 2003.

CHICKENPOX vaccination: School & child care requirements

Effective Date	Enrollment
January 1, 2003*	■ Child care agency* 19 mo. & older
School year 2003–2004*	■ Kindergarten
	■ 1st grade (only if K is not provided)
	■ 6th grade**

*This applies to every child enrolling in any child care agency, public or non public school.

**Appropriate children 12 years of age or under should receive a single 0.5 ml dose administered subcutaneously; children 13 years of age or older should receive a single 0.5 ml dose and a second 0.5 ml dose 4–8 weeks later.

- **Documentation of immunization against varicella** shall include the month, day and year of administration.
- **Documentation of varicella immunity** by serology, or health care provider or parent/guardian report of disease is acceptable in lieu of immunization for school or child care attendance.
- **Exemption** from this requirement may also be based on a medical contraindication documented by the child's health care provider. A medical exemption must indicate that the vaccine will be detrimental to the child's health and give a timeframe for when the situation will be reevaluated.
- **Varicella vaccine** is indicated for vaccination against varicella in children 12 months of age or older.



- **Varicella vaccine** is contraindicated in individuals with a history of hypersensitivity or an anaphylactoid reaction to any component of the vaccine, including gelatin or neomycin, or in individuals with any immunodeficient conditions or receiving immunosuppressive therapy.
- **The adverse events most frequently reported** in children, adolescents and adults monitored for up to 42 days were: fever, injection-site complaints, varicella-like rash (injection site) and varicella-like rash (generalized).
- **As with all vaccines**, varicella vaccination may not result in protection in 100% of susceptible individuals given the vaccine.

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